



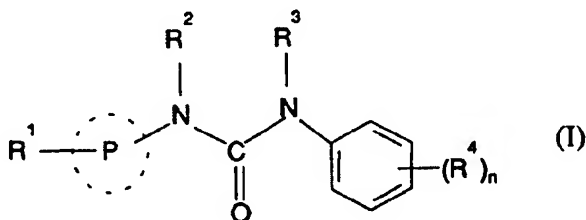
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(57) Abstract

The use of a compound of formula (I) or a salt thereof, wherein P represents a quinoline or isoquinoline residue or a 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic ring containing up to three heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulphur; R¹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, halogen, NR⁵R⁶ or OR⁷ where R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl; R² and R³ are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl; R⁴ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, CF₃, nitro, cyano, acyl, halogen, NR⁵R⁶, OR⁷ or CO₂R⁷ where R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl as defined for R¹; and n is 1, 2 or 3, in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of CNS disorders.



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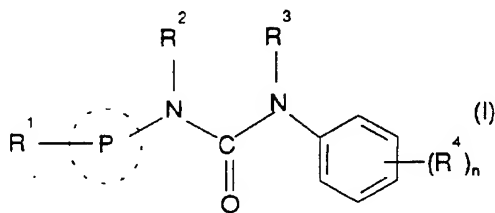
USE OF PHENYL HETEROARYL UREAS AS 5HT_{2C} RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS AND UREA COMPOUNDS

This invention relates to a method of treatment of certain CNS disorders.

- 5 WO 92/05170 describes certain urea derivatives which are described as possessing 5HT_{1C} receptor antagonist activity. The 5HT_{1C} receptor has recently been reclassified as the 5HT_{2C} receptor [P. Hartig et al., Trends in Pharmacological Sciences (TIPS) 1993].

- 10 Certain phenyl heteroaryl ureas known in the art have now been found to have 5HT_{2C} receptor antagonist activity. 5HT_{2C} receptor antagonists are believed to be of potential use in the treatment of CNS disorders such as anxiety, depression, obsessive compulsive disorders, migraine, anorexia, Alzheimers disease, sleep disorders, bulimia, panic attacks, withdrawal from drug abuse such as cocaine, ethanol, nicotine and benzodiazepines, schizophrenia, and also disorders associated with spinal trauma and/or head injury such as
- 15 hydrocephalus.

Accordingly, the present invention provides the use of a compound of formula (I) or a salt thereof:



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wherein:

- P represents a quinoline or isoquinoline residue or a 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic ring containing up to three heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen or
- 25 sulphur;
- R¹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, halogen, NR⁵R⁶ or OR⁷ where R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- R² and R³ are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- R⁴ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, CF₃, nitro, cyano, acyl, halogen, NR⁵R⁶, OR⁷ or CO₂R⁷
- 30 where R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl as defined for R¹; and
- n is 1, 2 or 3,
- in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of CNS disorders.

C₁₋₆alkyl groups, whether alone or as part of another group, can be straight chain or branched.

- 5 Preferably R¹ is hydrogen or methyl.

Preferably R² and R³ are hydrogen.

- 10 Suitable moieties when the ring P is a 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic ring include pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, isothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiadiazolyl and triazolyl. Preferably P is pyridyl attached to the urea nitrogen at position 3 or 4; or P is quinoline attached to the urea nitrogen at position 3, 4 or 6, preferably at position 4.

- 15 Preferably n is 1 or 2. When n is greater than 1, the R⁴ groups can be the same or different. Preferably the phenyl ring is mono-substituted and R⁴ is CF₃ or -NMe₂ (preferably in the meta position); -OMe, (preferably in the meta or para position); CO₂Et (preferably in the meta position) or the phenyl ring is preferably di substituted with meta chloro and para methyl.

- 20 Preferred compounds of formula (I) include:
 N-(Phenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinoliny)l urea,
 N-(6-Quinoliny)l)-N'-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl) urea,
 N-(3-Dimethylaminophenyl)-N'-(6-quinoliny)l urea,
 N-(Phenyl)-N'-(6-quinoliny)l urea,
 25 N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinoliny)l urea,
 N-(3-Dimethylaminophenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinoliny)l urea,
 N-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinoliny)l urea,
 N-(3-Ethoxycarbonylphenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinoliny)l urea,
 N-(2-Methyl-4-quinoliny)l)-N'-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl) urea ,
 30 N-(Phenyl)-N'-(3-quinoliny)l urea,
 N-(3-Chloro-4-methylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl) urea,
 N-(3-Chloro-4-methylphenyl)-N'-(4-pyridyl) urea,
 N-(3-Pyridyl)-N'-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)urea,
 N-(3-Methylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 35 N-(4-Chlorophenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(3-Chlorophenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(3-Hydroxyphenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinoliny)urea,
 N-(3-Bromophenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea.

- N-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
N-(3-Fluoro-4-methylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
N-(4-Ethoxycarbonylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
N-(3-Chloro-4-methoxycarbonylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
5 N-(3-Bromo-4-methylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
N-(3-Chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
N-(4-Nitro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
N-(4-Chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
N-(3-Chloro-4-carboxyphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
10 N-(2-Methoxy-4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
N-(3-Chloro-4-ethylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
N-(3-Chloro-4-propylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
N-(3-Chloro-4-tert-butylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
N-(3-Hydroxy-4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea
15 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- The compounds of the formula (I) can form acid addition salts with acids, such as conventional pharmaceutically acceptable acids, for example maleic, hydrochloric, hydrobromic, phosphoric, acetic, fumaric, salicylic, citric, lactic, mandelic, tartaric and
20 methanesulphonic. Compounds of formula (I) may also form N-oxides or solvates such as hydrates, and the invention also extends to these forms.

- Certain compounds of formula (I) may exist tautomerically in more than one form. The invention extends to these and any other tautomeric forms and mixtures thereof.
25 Certain compounds of formula (I) are capable of existing in stereoisomeric forms including enantiomers and the invention extends to each of these stereoisomeric forms and to mixtures thereof including racemates. The different stereoisomeric forms may be separated one from the other by the usual methods, or any given isomer may be obtained by stereospecific or asymmetric synthesis.

- 30 Certain compounds of formula (I) are novel and form a further aspect of the invention. Particularly preferred novel compounds include those listed above and exemplified herein.

- The invention further provides a method of treatment or prophylaxis of CNS disorders, in
35 particular anxiety, depression, migraine, anorexia, obsessive compulsive disorders, Alzheimer's disease, sleep disorders, bulimia, panic attacks, withdrawal from drug abuse, schizophrenia and/or disorders associated with spinal trauma and/or head injuries (in particular anxiety and depression) in mammals including humans, which comprises

administering to the sufferer a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5 The invention also provides novel compounds of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for use as a therapeutic substance, in particular in the treatment or prophylaxis of anxiety, depression, migraine, anorexia, obsessive compulsive disorders, Alzheimer's disease, sleep disorders, bulimia, panic attacks, withdrawal from drug abuse, schizophrenia and/or disorders associated with spinal trauma and/or head injuries.

10 The present invention also provides a pharmaceutical composition, which comprises novel compounds of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

15 A pharmaceutical composition of the invention, which may be prepared by admixture, suitably at ambient temperature and atmospheric pressure, is usually adapted for oral, parenteral or rectal administration and, as such, may be in the form of tablets, capsules, oral liquid preparations, powders, granules, lozenges, reconstitutable powders, injectable or infusable solutions or suspensions or suppositories. Orally administrable compositions are generally preferred.

20 Tablets and capsules for oral administration may be in unit dose form, and may contain conventional excipients, such as binding agents, fillers, tableting lubricants, disintegrants and acceptable wetting agents. The tablets may be coated according to methods well known in normal pharmaceutical practice.

25 Oral liquid preparations may be in the form of, for example, aqueous or oily suspension, solutions, emulsions, syrups or elixirs, or may be in the form of a dry product for reconstitution with water or other suitable vehicle before use. Such liquid preparations may contain conventional additives such as suspending agents, emulsifying agents, 30 non-aqueous vehicles (which may include edible oils), preservatives, and, if desired, conventional flavourings or colourants.

For parenteral administration, fluid unit dosage forms are prepared utilising a compound of the invention or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a sterile vehicle. The 35 compound, depending on the vehicle and concentration used, can be either suspended or dissolved in the vehicle. In preparing solutions, the compound can be dissolved for injection and filter sterilised before filling into a suitable vial or ampoule and sealing. Advantageously, adjuvants such as a local anaesthetic, preservatives and buffering agents

are dissolved in the vehicle. To enhance the stability, the composition can be frozen after filling into the vial and the water removed under vacuum. Parenteral suspensions are prepared in substantially the same manner, except that the compound is suspended in the vehicle instead of being dissolved, and sterilization cannot be accomplished by filtration.

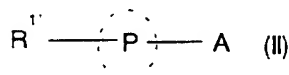
- 5 The compound can be sterilised by exposure to ethylene oxide before suspension in a sterile vehicle. Advantageously, a surfactant or wetting agent is included in the composition to facilitate uniform distribution of the compound.

- 10 The composition may contain from 0.1% to 99% by weight, preferably from 10 to 60% by weight, of the active material, depending on the method of administration.

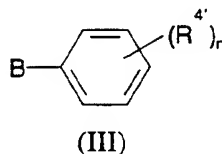
- The dose of the compound used in the treatment of the aforementioned disorders will vary in the usual way with the seriousness of the disorders, the weight of the sufferer, and other similar factors. However, as a general guide suitable unit doses may be 0.05 to 1000 mg,
15 more suitably 0.05 to 20.0 mg, for example 0.2 to 5 mg; and such unit doses may be administered more than once a day, for example two or three a day, so that the total daily dosage is in the range of about 0.01 to 100 mg/kg; and such therapy may extend for a number of weeks or months.

- 20 When administered in accordance with the invention, no unacceptable toxicological effects are expected with the compounds of the invention.

- The present invention also provides a process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, which process comprises
25 the coupling of a compound of formula (II);



- 30 with a compound of formula (III);



- 35 wherein P is as defined in relation to formula (I), A and B contain the appropriate functional group(s) necessary to form the moiety, $-NR^2CONR^3$ when coupled, the

- variables R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 are R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 respectively, as defined in formula (I), or groups convertible thereto, and thereafter optionally and as necessary and in any appropriate order, converting any R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 , when other than R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 respectively to R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 , interconverting R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 and
- 5 forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Suitable examples of groups A and B include:

- (i) A is $-N=C=O$ and B is $-NHR^{3'}$,
- 10 (ii) A is $-NR^{2'}COL$ and B is $-NHR^{3'}$,
- (iii) A is $-NHR^{2'}$ and B is $NR^{3'}COL$,
- (iv) A is $NHR^{2'}$ and B is $-N=C=O$ or
- (v) A is halogen and B is $-NR^{3'}CONHR^{2'}$

- 15 wherein $R^{2'}$ and $R^{3'}$ are as defined above and L is a leaving group. Examples of suitable leaving groups L include halogen such as chloro, bromo, imidazole or phenoxy or phenylthio optionally substituted for example with halogen.

- When A is $-N=C=O$ and B is $NHR^{3'}$ or when A is $NHR^{2'}$ and B is $-N=C=O$ the reaction is
- 20 suitably carried out in an inert solvent for example dichloromethane or toluene at ambient temperature. When A is $-NR^{2'}COL$ and B is $NHR^{3'}$ or when A is $-NHR^{2'}$ and B is $-NR^{3'}COL$, the reaction is suitably carried out in an inert solvent such as dichloromethane at ambient temperature optionally in the presence of a base, such as triethylamine or in dimethylformamide at ambient or elevated temperature. When A is halogen and B is
- 25 $NR^{3'}CONHR^{2'}$, the reaction is suitably carried out in an inert solvent such as toluene at elevated temperature, optionally in the presence of a base.

- Suitable examples of groups R^1 and R^4 , which are convertible to R^1 and R^4 alkyl groups respectively, include acyl groups which are introduced conventionally and may be
- 30 converted to the corresponding alkyl group by conventional reduction, such as using sodium borohydride in an inert solvent followed by hydrogenolysis in an inert solvent. Hydrogen substituents may be obtained from alkoxycarbonyl groups which may be converted to hydrogen by hydrolysis and decarboxylation.

- 35 Interconversions of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are carried out by conventional procedures. For example, in the case wherein R^2 is C_{1-6} alkyl and R^3 is hydrogen it is possible to introduce a C_{1-6} alkyl group at the R^3 position by conventional alkylation using 1 molar equivalent of a C_{1-6} alkyl halide and 1 molar equivalent of a suitable base in an inert solvent. Suitable examples of a group $R^{2'}$ and $R^{3'}$ which is convertible to R^2 and R^3 ,

include alkoxycarbonyl and benzyl or *para*-methoxybenzyl which are converted to R² and R³ is hydrogen using conventional conditions.

5 R¹ halo and R⁴ halo may be introduced by selective halogenation of the ring P or the benzene ring respectively using conventional conditions.

It should be appreciated that it may be necessary to protect any R¹ to R⁷ hydrogen variables which are not required to be interconverted. Suitable protecting groups are described in 'Protective groups in organic synthesis' Greene T.W., New York, Wiley
10 (1981). It should be appreciated that it is preferred that groups R¹ to R⁷ are introduced before coupling compounds of formula (II) and (III).

Compounds of formula (II) in which A is NHR^{2'} are known compounds or can be prepared analogously to known compounds. see, for example, WO 92/05170 (SmithKline
15 Beecham plc). Compounds of formula (II) in which A is -N=C=O may be prepared by treating a compound of formula (II) in which :

- i) A is amino, with phosgene or a phosgene equivalent, in the presence of excess base in an inert solvent.
- 20 ii) A is acylazide (i.e. CON₃), via the nitrene, by thermal rearrangement using conventional conditions (ref L.S. Trifonov et al, Helv. Chim. Acta 1987 70 262).
- iii) A is CONH₂, via the nitrene intermediate using conventional conditions.

Examples of phosgene equivalents include triphosgene, carbonyldiimidazole, phenyl
25 chloroformate and phenyl chlorothioformate. Compounds of formula (II) in which A is NR_{2'}COL may be prepared by reacting a compound of formula (II) in which A is NHR_{2'} with phosgene or a phosgene equivalent in an inert solvent, at low temperature, if necessary in the presence of one equivalent of a base such as triethylamine. Compounds of formula (II) in which A is halogen and R_{4'} is hydrogen are commercially available.

30 Compounds of formula (III) are commercially available or may be prepared according to analogous methods to those outlined above for compounds of formula (II).

Pharmaceutically acceptable salts may be prepared conventionally by reaction with the
35 appropriate acid or acid derivative. N-oxides may be formed conventionally by reaction with hydrogen peroxide or percarboxylic acids.

The following Examples illustrate the preparation of compounds of the invention.

Example 1**N-(Phenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl) urea**

To a solution of 2-methyl-4-amino-quinoline (1.58g; 10.0mM) in ethanol free chloroform
5 (70 ml) at room temperature was added dropwise phenyl isocyanate (1.4 ml, 12.0 mM) in
dry toluene (25 ml) over a period of 5 minutes. The whole was then stirred at room
temperature for 18h followed by heating under reflux for 2h. After cooling to room
temperature ethanol (20 ml) was added and after an additional 1h the solvent was removed
10 under reduced pressure to give an oil. The oil was treated with ether (50 ml) to give an off
white solid which was crystallised from ethyl acetate to give the title compound (E1)
(1.37g, 60%) as a white solid. m.p. 201-3°C.

NMR (D₆-DMSO) δ: 2.10 (3H,s), 7.05 (1H,t,J=7Hz), 7.36 (2H,t, J=7Hz), 7.47-7.64
(3H,m), 7.70 (1H,t,J=7Hz), 7.89 (1H,d,J=7Hz), 8.08-8.20 (2H,m), 9.15 (1H, broad s),
15 9.39 (1H, broad s).

Found: C, 73.74; H, 5.44; N, 15.29%

C₁₇H₁₅N₃O requires: C, 73.63; H, 5.45; N, 15.15%

Example 2**N-(6-Quinolinyl)-N'-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl) urea hydrochloride**

The title compound was prepared in 87% yield from 3-trifluoromethyl phenyl isocyanate
and 6-aminoquinoline following a procedure similar to that in Example 1. Free base
precipitated from the reaction mixture within a total of 3h at room temperature and was
25 converted to the hydrochloride salt using hydrogen chloride in ether/ethanol.
m.p. 208-13°C

NMR (D₆-DMSO) δ: 7.33-7.50 (1H,m), 7.54-7.85 (2H,m), 7.95-8.28 (3H,m), 8.49
(1H,d,J=8Hz), 8.60-8.75 (1H,m), 9.05-9.30 (2H,m), 10.19 (1H,s). 10.40 (1H,s).

30 Found: M⁺ 331.0917 C₁₇H₁₂F₃N₃O requires 331.0964

Example 3**N-(3-Dimethylaminophenyl)-N'-(6-quinolinyl) urea dihydrochloride**

35 To a solution of carbonyl diimidazole (0.40g, 2.47 mM) in dichloromethane (5 ml) was
added 3-dimethylamino aniline (0.37g, 2.26 mM) in dichloromethane (5 ml). After
stirring at room temperature for 0.5h, the solution was evaporated to dryness. The residue
was taken up in dimethylformamide (5ml) and to this solution was added 6-amino

- quinoline (0.36g, 2.50 mM) in dimethylformamide (5 ml). The reaction mixture was heated to 90°C for 1h, then cooled and added dropwise to water with vigorous stirring. Later the solution was collected to give the crude product (0.65g) which was converted to the hydrochloride salt (E3) using hydrogen chloride in ether/ethanol (0.29g, 36%).
- 5 m.p. 185-90°C.
- NMR (D₆-DMSO) δ: 3.09 (6H,s), 7.02-7.20 (1H,m), 7.21-7.49 (2H,m), 7.71 (1H, broad s), 7.90-8.15 (2H,m), 8.33 (1H,d,J=9Hz), 8.51-8.61 (1H,m), 9.02-9.18 (2H,m), 9.90 (1H, broad s), 10.39 (1H, broad s).
- 10 Found: 306.1465 C₁₈H₁₈N₄O requires: 306.1516

Example 4

N-(phenyl)-N'-(6-quinolinyl) urea

- 15 The title compound (E4) was prepared in 56% yield from 6-aminoquinoline and phenylisocyanate following a procedure similar to that in Example 1. Free base precipitated from the reaction mixture and was recrystallised from ethanol.
- NMR (D₆-DMSO) δ: 7.0 (1H,t,6Hz), 7.30 (2H,t,6Hz), 7.42-7.53 (3H,m), 7.71 (1H, dd, 6Hz,3Hz), 7.94 (1H,d,J=6Hz), 8.19 (1H,d,j=3Hz), 8.24-8.28 (1H,m), 8.71-8.77 (1H,m), 8.82 (1H,s), 9.08 (1H,s).
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Example 5

N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl) urea

- 25 4-Methoxyphenyl isocyanate (0.82 ml, 6.3 mmol), in dry dichloromethane (30 ml) was added slowly to 4-aminoquinoline (1 g, 6.3 mmol) in dry toluene (30 ml) under a nitrogen atmosphere. This was refluxed for 2.5h, then left at room temperature for 19h. The precipitate which formed was filtered off, washed with cold 1:1
- 30 toluene/dichloromethane and dried *in vacuo*. The crude product was chromatographed on silica gel using dichloromethane as the eluant to give the title compound (1.31 g, 68%) as a white solid. m.p. 180-185°C.
- NMR (D₆-DMSO) δ: 2.59 (3H, s), 3.75 (3H, s), 6.93 (2H, m), 7.44 (2H, m), 7.6 (1H, t, J 6), 7.71 (1H, t, J 6), 7.89 (1H, d, J 8), 8.13 (2H, m), 9.11 (1H, s), 9.17 (1H, s)
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Found: C, 70.32; H, 5.67; N, 13.44%

$C_{18}H_{17}N_3O_2$ requires C, 70.34; H, 5.58; N, 13.67%

Found: M^+ 307 $C_{18}H_{17}N_3O_2$ requires 307

5 Example 6

N-(3-Dimethylaminophenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl) urea

1,1'-Carbonyldiimidazole (0.26g, 1.6 mmol), was added portionwise to a solution of 4-aminoquinaldine (0.23g, 1.47 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (15 ml), under a nitrogen atmosphere. After 1/2h, at room temperature, the solvent was evaporated off and the residue was taken up in DMF (5 ml). After addition of 3-(dimethylamino)aniline (0.2g, 1.47 mmol) in DMF (10ml), the reaction mixture was heated at 90°C for 1h. Addition of water after cooling to room temperature, gave the crude product as a precipitate, which was collected and dried in *vacuo*. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel, using dichloromethane as eluant gave the title compound (0.16g, 34%) as a light brown solid, m.p. 167-171°C.

NMR (D_6 -DMSO) δ : 2.6 (3H, s), 2.91 (6H, s), 6.42 (1H, m), 6.77 (1H, m), 6.98 (1H, s), 7.12 (1H, t, J 6), 7.59 (1H, t, J 3), 7.72 (1H, t, J 6), 7.89 (1H, d, J 6), 8.12 (2H, m), 9.10 (1H, s), 9.19 (1H, s).

Found: M^+ 320 $C_{19}H_{20}N_4O$ requires 320

Example 7

N-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl) urea

3-Methoxyphenyl isocyanate (0.83 ml, 6.3 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (30 ml) was added slowly to 4-aminoquinaldine (1g, 6.3 mmol) in dry toluene (30 ml) under a nitrogen atmosphere, and left to stir at room temperature for 19h. The precipitate which formed was filtered off, washed with cold 1:1 toluene/dichloromethane and dried in *vacuo*. The crude product was purified by recrystallization from ethanol to give the title compound (0.99g, 51%) as a white solid, m.p. 191-193°C.

NMR (D_6 -DMSO) δ : 2.6 (3H, s), 3.77 (3H, s), 6.62 (1H, m), 6.99 (1H, d, J 6), 7.22-7.28 (2H, m), 7.61 (1H, t, J 3), 7.72 (1H, t, J 3), 7.89 (1H, d, J 6), 8.14 (2H, m), 9.18 (1H, s), 9.35 (1H, s).

Found: M^+ 307 $C_{18}H_{17}N_3O_2$ requires 307

Example 8**N-(3-Ethoxycarbonylphenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl) urea**

- 5 3-Ethoxycarbonylphenyl isocyanate (1g, 5.2 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (30 ml), was added slowly to 4-aminoquinaldine (0.83g, 5.2 mmol) in dry toluene (30 ml), under a nitrogen atmosphere, and left to stir at room temperature for 19h. The precipitate which formed was filtered off, washed with cold 1:1 toluene/dichloromethane and dried **in vacuo**. The crude product was chromatographed on silica gel, using dichloromethane as the eluant to give the title compound (0.78g, 43%) as white crystals, m.p. 165-170°C.

NMR (D₆-DMSO) δ: 1.32 (3H, t, J 3), 2.6 (3H, s), 4.33 (2H, q, J 6), 7.48 (1H, t, J 6), 7.59-7.75 (4H, m), 7.9 (1H, d, J 6), 8.12 (2H, m), 8.22 (1H, s), 9.18 (1H, s), 9.57 (1H, s).

- 15 Found: M⁺ 349 C₂₀H₁₉N₃O₃ requires 349

Example 9**N-(2-Methyl-4-quinolinyl)-N'-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl) urea**

- 20 α,α,α- Trifluoro-m-tolyl isocyanate (0.96 ml, 6.33 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (30 ml) was added slowly to 4-amino-quinaldine (1g, 6.33 mmol) in dry toluene (30 ml), under a nitrogen atmosphere. Following the procedure described in Example 4, gave the title compound (0.18g, 85%) as a white powder, m.p. 165-170°C.

- 25 NMR (D₆-DMSO) δ: 2.58 (3H, s), 7.37 (1H, m), 7.55-7.61 (3H, m), 7.7 (1H, t, J 6), 7.87 (1H, d, J 8), 8.10 (3H, m), 9.22 (1H, s), 9.60 (1H, s).

Found: M⁺ 345 C₁₈H₁₄N₃O F₃ requires 345

30 **Example 10**

N-(Phenyl)-N'-(3-quinolinyl) urea

Phenyl isocyanate (0.75 ml, 7 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (30 ml) was added slowly to 3 aminoquinoline (1g, 7 mmol) in dry toluene (30 ml) under a nitrogen atmosphere.

- 35 Following the procedure described in Example 7, gave the title compound (1.18g, 65%) as a white powder, m.p. 289-290°C.

NMR (D_6 -DMSO) δ : 7.0 (1H, t, J 6), 7.30 (2H, t, J 8), 7.49-7.61 (4H, m),
7.88-7.97 (2H, m), 8.54 (1H, d, J 3), 8.82 (1H, d, J 3), 8.92
(1H, s), 9.14 (1H, s).

- 5 Found: C, 72.78; H, 5.13; N, 15.98%
 $C_{16}H_{13}N_3O$ requires C, 72.99; H, 4.98; N, 15.96%
Found: M^+ 263 $C_{16}H_{13}N_3O$ requires 263

Example 11

10 N-(3-Chloro-4-methylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl) urea hydrochloride

- Nicotinoyl azide (0.40g, 2.7 mmol) was stirred at reflux under nitrogen atmosphere in dry
toluene (10 ml) for 1h, with gas evolution. The solution was cooled to ambient
temperature, and 3-chloro-4-methylaniline (0.30 ml, 2.4 mmol) was added. The
15 suspension so formed was stirred for 1h, when the solid was filtered off, washed with 1:1
toluene/dichloromethane, and dried *in vacuo* at 70°C. This gave the free base of the title
compound (0.64g, 85%) as a white solid.

- NMR (D_6 -DMSO) δ : 2.25 (3H, s), 7.23 (2H, m), 7.31 (1H, m), 7.70 (1H, s), 7.93
20 (1H, m), 8.18 (1H, d, J 4), 8.59 (1H, d, J 2), 8.90 (2H, 2xs).

- N-(3-Chloro-4-methyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl) urea (0.55g, 2.1 mmol) was dissolved in hot ethanol
(10 ml), and a solution of hydrogen chloride in ether (ca. 0.9M, 2.5 ml, ca. 2.3 mmol) was
added. The suspension was cooled to ambient temperature, and the solid was filtered off,
25 washed with cold ethanol, and dried *in vacuo* at 70°C. This gave the title compound
(0.62g, 76%) as a white solid, m.p. 214.5-216°C.

- NMR (D_6 -DMSO) δ : 2.25 (3H, s), 7.25 (2H, m), 7.68 (1H, s), 7.92 (1H, dd, J 8,
5), 8.33 (1H, d, J 8), 8.49 (1H, d), 9.07 (1H, s), 9.79 (1H, s),
30 10.37 (1H, s).

Found: C, 51.4; H, 4.5; N, 14.5%
 $C_{13}H_{12}ClN_3O \cdot HCl \cdot 0.25H_2O$ requires C, 51.6; H, 4.5; N, 13.9%
Found: M^+ 261, 263. $C_{13}H_{12}ClN_3O$ requires 261, 263.

35 Example 12

N-(3-Chloro-4-methylphenyl)-N'-(4-pyridyl) urea hydrochloride

3-Chloro-4-methylaniline (0.65 ml, 5.3 mmol) was stirred under nitrogen in

dichloromethane (15 ml) at 0°C as triethylamine (0.82 ml, 5.9 mmol) was added. To this mixture was then added phosgene in toluene solution (1.93M, 4.1 ml, 7.9 mmol). After stirring at 0°C for 0.5h, triethylamine (1.6 ml, 11.8 mmol) was added and, after a further 0.5h, 4-aminopyridine (0.50g, 5.3 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at ambient
5 temperature for 16h, and then treated with sodium hydroxide solution (5M, ca. 1 ml). After 0.5h, it was diluted with water (50 ml) and dichloromethane (50 ml), and the precipitate was filtered off, washed with water, and dried *in vacuo* at 70°C. This gave the free base of the title compound (1.03g, 74%) as a white solid.

10 NMR (D₆-DMSO) δ: 2.25 (3H, s), 7.23 (2H, m), 7.41 (2H, d, J 5), 7.67 (1H, s), 8.35 (2H, d, J 5) 8.99 (1H, s), 9.18 (1H, s).

N-(3-Chloro-4-methylphenyl)-N'-(4-pyridyl) urea (1.03g, 3.9 mmol) was treated with hydrogen chloride using the method of Example 11. This gave the title compound (0.95g,
15 81%) as a white solid, m.p. 235-240°C (decomp.).

NMR (D₆-DMSO) δ: 2.27 (3H, s), 7.28 (2H, m), 7.67 (1H, s), 7.89 (2H, d, J 6), 8.60 (2H, d, J 6), 10.09 (1H, s), 11.27 (1H, s).

Found: C, 50.6; H, 4.4; N, 13.7%

20 C₁₃H₁₂ClN₃O.HCl . 0.59 H₂O requires C, 50.6; H, 4.6; N, 13.6%

Found: M⁺ 261, 263 C₁₃H₁₂ClN₃O requires 261, 263.

Example 13

N-(3-Pyridyl)-N'-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)urea

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The title compound was prepared in 91% yield from 3-pyridyl isocyanate and 3-aminobenzotrifluoride; m.p. 180-184° C.

30 NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ: 7.3 (2H, m), 7.55 (2H, m), 7.95 (1H, d, J 8), 8.0 (1H, s), 8.2 (1H, d, J 4), 8.6 (1H, d, J 2), 9.0 (1H, s), 9.2 (1H, s).

Example 14

N-(3-Methylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea hydrochloride

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The title compound was prepared in 87% yield from 3-aminopyridine and m-tolyl isocyanate, followed by salt formation with HCl; m.p. 182-183° C.

NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ: 2.3 (3H, s), 6.85 (1H, d, J 7), 7.2 (1H, t, J 8), 7.3 (2H, m), 7.9 (1H, dd, J 8,5), 8.3 (1H, m), 8.5 (1H, d, J 5), 9.1 (1H, d, J 2), 9.5 (1H, s), 10.35 (1H, s).

Example 15**N-(4-Chlorophenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea**

- 5 The title compound was prepared in 29% yield from 3-aminopyridine, 1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole and 4-chloroaniline; m.p. 207-209° C

NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ: 7.3 (3H, m), 7.5 (2H, d, J 9), 7.95 (1H, m), 8.2 (1H, m), 8.6 (1H, d, J 2), 8.9 (1H, s), 9.0 (1H, s)

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Example 16**N-(3-Chlorophenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea**

- 15 The title compound was prepared in 86% yield from 3-aminopyridine and 3-chlorophenyl isocyanate; m.p. 185-187° C

NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ: 7.0 (1H, m), 7.3 (3H, m), 7.7 (1H, s), 7.95 (1H, m), 8.2 (1H, m), 8.6 (1H, d, J 2), 8.95 (1H, s), 9.05 (1H, s)

20 **Example 17**

N-(3-Hydroxyphenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)urea

- 25 The title compound was prepared in 19% yield from 4-amino-2-methylquinoline, 1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole and 3-aminophenol; m.p. 224-225° C

NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ: 2.6 (3H, s), 6.45 (1H, m), 6.9 (1H, d, J 7), 7.1 (2H, m), 7.6 (1H, t, J 7), 7.7 (1H, t, J 7), 7.9 (1H, d, J 7), 8.15 (2H, m), 9.2 (1H, b), 9.3 (1H, s), 9.45 (1H, s)

30 **Example 18**

N-(3-Bromophenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea

- The title compound was prepared in 75% yield from 3-bromopyridine and 3-pyridyl isocyanate; m.p. 190-193° C.

35 NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ: 7.10-7.40 (4H, m), 7.86 (1H, s), 7.94 (1H, m), 8.22 (1H, d, J=5Hz), 8.62 (1H, d, J=2Hz), 8.93 (1H, s), 9.02 (1H, s).

Example 19**N-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea**

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The title compound was prepared in 65% yield from 3,4-dichloroaniline and 3-pyridyl isocyanate; m.p. 206° C-210° C.

45 NMR (DMSO-D₆) δ: 7.25-7.42 (2H, m), 7.50 (1H, d, J=7Hz), 7.83-7.90 (2H, m), 8.23 (1H, d, J=3Hz), 8.62 (1H, d, J=1Hz), 8.98 (1H, s), 9.23 (1H, s)

Example 20**N-(3-Fluoro-4-methylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea**

5 The title compound was prepared in 85% yield from 3-fluoro-4-methylaniline and 3-pyridyl isocyanate; m.p. 190-191° C.

NMR (DMSO-D₆) δ: 7.02-7.48 (4H, m), 7.94 (1H, m), 8.19 (1H, m), 8.59 (1H, m), 8.87 (1H, s), 8.92 (1H, s)

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Example 21**N-(4-Ethoxycarbonylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea**

15 The title compound was prepared in 83% yield from ethyl 4-aminobenzoate and 3-pyridyl isocyanate; m.p. 156-160° C

NMR (DMSO-D₆) δ: 1.32 (3H, t, J=7.5Hz), 4.30 (2H, q, J=7.5Hz), 7.34 (1H, dd, J=7Hz & 4Hz), 7.60 (2H, m), 7.86-8.02 (3H, m), 8.21 (1H, m), 8.63 (1H, m), 8.96 (1H, s), 9.24 (1H, s)

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Example 22**N-(3-Chloro-4-methoxycarbonylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea**

25 The title compound was prepared in 30% yield from methyl 4-amino-2-chlorobenzoate and 3-pyridyl isocyanate m.p. 170-171° C

NMR (DMSO-D₆) δ: 3.82 (3H, s), 7.30 (2H, m), 7.78-8.00 (3H, m), 8.25 (1H, m), 8.64 (1H, m), 9.08 (1H, s), 9.39 (1H, s)

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Example 23**N-(3-Bromo-4-methylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea**

The title compound was prepared in 61% yield from 3-bromo-4-methylaniline and 3-pyridyl isocyanate; m.p. 168-171° C

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NMR (DMSO-D₆) δ: 2.28 (3H, s), 7.21-7.39 (3H, m), 7.83-8.00 (2H, m), 8.20 (1H, m), 8.61 (1H, m), 8.89 (2H, m)

Example 24

40 **N-(3-Chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea**

The title compound was prepared in 22% yield from 4-amino-2-chlorobenzonitrile and 3-pyridyl isocyanate; m.p. 262-264° C

NMR (DMSO-D₆) δ: 7.28-7.56 (2H, m), 7.80-8.06 (3H, m), 8.26 (1H, m), 8.64 (1H, s), 9.17 (1H, s), 9.54 (1H, s)

Example 25

5 **N-(4-Nitro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea**

The title compound was prepared in 31% yield from 4-nitro-3-trifluoromethylaniline and 3-pyridyl isocyanate; m.p. 214-216° C

10 NMR (DMSO-D₆) δ: 7.37 (1H, dd, J=7Hz & 4Hz), 7.87 (1H, m, J=7Hz), 7.97 (1H, m, J=7Hz), 8.14-8.29 (3H, m), 8.67 (1H, m), 9.22 (1H, s), 9.81 (1H, s)

Example 26

15 **N-(4-Chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea**

The title compound was prepared in 48% yield from 4-chloro-3-trifluoromethylaniline and 3-pyridyl isocyanate; m.p. 196-199° C.

20 NMR (DMSO-D₆) δ: 7.33 (1H, dd, J=7Hz & 4Hz), 7.59-7.71 (2H, m), 7.95 (1H, m), 8.10 (1H, m), 8.22 (1H, m), 8.63 (1H, m), 9.04 (1H, s), 9.32 (1H, s)

Example 27

N-(3-Chloro-4-carboxyphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea

25 The title compound was prepared in 86% yield from 4-amino-2-chlorobenzoic acid and 3-pyridyl isocyanate; m.p. 170-175° C

30 NMR (DMSO-D₆) δ: 7.41 (2H, m), 7.76-7.88 (2H, m), 7.99 (1H, d, J=7Hz), 8.25 (1H, br s), 8.68 (1H, br s), 9.13 (1H, s), 9.37 (1H, s)

Example 28

N-(2-Methoxy-4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea

35 The title compound was prepared in 91% yield from 2-methoxy-4-trifluoromethyl-aniline and 3-pyridyl isocyanate; m.p. 210° C

NMR (DMSO-D₆) δ: 4.00 (3H, s), 7.16-7.45 (3H, m), 7.98 (1H, m, J=7Hz), 8.23 (1H, m), 8.48-8.74 (3H, m), 9.60 (1H, s)

40 **Example 29**

N-(2,3-Dichlorophenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinoliny)urea

The title compound was prepared in 22% yield from 2,3-dichloroaniline and 2-methyl-4-quinoliny isocyanate; m.p. 125-127° C

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NMR (DMSO-D₆) δ : 2.62 (3H, s), 7.34-7.46 (2H, m), 7.63 (1H, t, J=7Hz), 7.76 (1H, t, J=7Hz), 7.94 (1H, t, J=7Hz), 8.12-8.31 (3H, m), 9.27 (1H, s), 9.83 (1H, s)

Example 30

5 N-(3-Chloro-4-ethylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea

The title compound was prepared in 85% yield from 3-chloro-4-ethylaniline & 3-pyridyl isocyanate; m.p. 193-196° C.

10 NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ : 1.16 (3H, t, J=5Hz), 2.64 (2H, q, J=5Hz), 7.20-7.40 (3H, m), 7.67 (1H, s), 7.94 (1H, m), 8.20 (1H, d, J=2Hz), 8.60 (1H, d, J=0-1Hz), 8.90 (2H, d, J=5Hz).

Example 31

15 N-(3-Chloro-4-propylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea

The title compound was prepared in 78% yield from 3-Chloro-4-propylaniline & 3-pyridyl isocyanate; m.p. 184-186° C

20 NMR (DMSO-D₆) δ : 0.91 (3H, t, J=5Hz), 1.56 (2H, q, J=5Hz), 2.60 (2H, t, J=5Hz), 7.20-7.35 (3H, m), 7.68 (1H, s), 7.94 (1H, m), 8.19 (1H, d, J=2Hz), 8.59 (1H, d, J=0-1Hz), 8.92 (2H, d, J=5Hz).

Example 32

25 N-(3-Chloro-4-tert-butylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea

The title compound was prepared in 73% yield from 3-chloro-4-tert-butylniline & 3-pyridyl isocyanate; m.p. 190° C-193° C.

30 NMR (DMSO-D₆) δ : 1.42 (9H, s), 7.20-7.40 (3H, m), 7.66 (1H, d, J=2Hz), 7.93 (1H, m), 8.19 (1H, d, J=5Hz), 8.60 (1H, d, J=2Hz), 8.90 (2H, d, J=11Hz)

Example 33

N-(3-Hydroxy-4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea

35 N-(3-Hydroxy-4-carboxyphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea was prepared in 69% yield from 4-aminosalicylic acid and 3-pyridyl isocyanate in DMF/toluene. This material (0.37g, 1.4 mmol) was then stirred in methanol (20 ml) as thionyl chloride (2 ml) was cautiously added. The suspension was stirred at reflux under argon for 2 days, and evaporated to dryness. The residue was suspended in saturated sodium hydrogen carbonate solution, and
40 the solid was filtered off, washed with water, dried, and recrystallised from ethanol/petroleum ether (b.p. 60-80° C), giving the title compound (0.16g, 41%) as a white solid. m.p. 199-200° C.

NMR (DMSO d_6) δ :

3.88 (3H, s), 6.98 (1H, dd, J 8, 2), 7.27 (1H, d, J 2), 7.34 (1H, dd, J 8, 5), 7.73 (1H, d, J 9), 7.96 (1H, m), 8.24 (1H, d, J 4), 8.63 (1H, d, J 2), 9.04 (1H, s), 9.27 (1H, s), 10.69 (1H, s).

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Pharmacological data**[³H]-mesulergine binding to rat 5-HT_{2C} clones expressed in 293 cells in vitro**

- Evidence from the literature suggests that 5-HT_{2C} antagonists may have a number of therapeutic indications including the treatment of anxiety, migraine, depression, feeding disorders and obsessive compulsion disorders. (Curzon and Kennett, 1990; Fozard and Gray, 1989) and Alzheimer's Disease (Lawlor, 1989, J. Arch. Gen. Psychiat. Vol. 46 p.542).
- 10 The affinity of test drugs for the 5-HT_{2C} binding site can be determined by assessing their ability to displace [³H]-mesulergine from 5-HT_{2C} clones expressed in 293 cells (Julius *et al.*, 1988). The method employed was similar to that of Pazos *et al.*, 1984.
- 15 The cells suspension (50ml) was incubated with [³H]-mesulergine (0.5nM) in Tris HCl buffer (pH 7.4) at 37°C for 30 minutes. Non-specific binding was measured in the presence of mianserin (10⁻⁶M). Ten concentrations of test drug (3 x 10⁻⁹ to 10⁻⁴M final concentration) were added in a volume of 50ml. The total assay volume was 500ml. Incubation was stopped by rapid filtration using a Brandel cell harvester and radioactivity measured by scintillation counting. The IC₅₀ values were determined using
- 20 a four parameter logistic program (DeLean 1978) and the pK_i (the negative logarithm of the inhibition constant) calculated from the Cheng Prusoff equation where:

$$K_i = \frac{IC_{50}}{1 + \frac{C}{K_d}}$$

- K_i = inhibition constant.
- 30 C = concentration of [³H]-mesulergine
- K_d = Affinity of mesulergine for 5-HT_{1C} binding sites.

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Results

The compound of Example 7 has a pKi of 8.28.

The compound of Example 11 has a pKi of 7.79.

5 Reversal of MCPP-induced Hypolocomotion

Administration of m-(chlorophenyl)piperazine (mCPP) to rats induces hypolocomotion (Kennett and Curzon 1988, Luckie *et al.* 1989) as seen with the related drug 1-(m-trifluoromethylphenyl)piperazine (TFMPP) (Lucki and Frazer 1982, Kennett and Curzon 1988). This effect was blocked by the non specific

- 10 5-HT_{2C}/5-HT_{2A} receptor antagonists mianserin, cyproheptadine and metergoline and perhaps by mesulergine. It was not blocked by the 5-HT₂ receptor antagonists ketanserin and ritanserin at relevant doses (Kennett and Curzon 1991) nor by antagonists of 5-HT_{1A}, 5-HT_{1B}, 5-HT₃, α_2 adrenoceptors or dopamine D₂ receptors. The effect of mCPP is therefore considered to be mediated by 5-HT_{2C} receptors (Kennett and Curzon 1988) as
- 15 confirmed by subsequent studies (Lucki *et al.*, 1989). Since mCPP causes hypolocomotion when infused into the cerebral ventricles this effect is probably centrally mediated (Kennett and Curzon 1988).

- 20 mCPP-induced hypolocomotion was measured in automated locomotion cages of dimensions 56 cm long x 16½ cm wide x 25 cm high and made of black perspex. Two photobeams traversed the width of the cages at either end at ground level. Sequential breaking of these beams allowed the measurement of cage transits.

- 25 Male Sprague Dawley rats (200-250g) (Charles River) were housed in groups of six. They were given drugs orally 1h pretest and 40 mins later mCPP (7 mg/kg i.p.). After a further 20 min they were placed in individual automated cages in groups of four under red light in an adjacent room. After 10 min the test was terminated. Reversal of mCPP-induced hypolocomotion was considered as evidence of *in vivo* central 5-HT_{2C} receptor antagonist properties.

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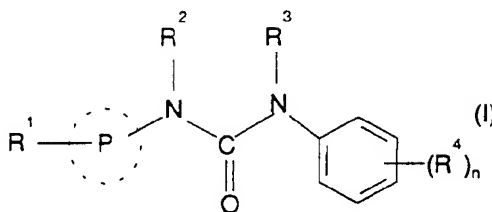
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Result

The compound of Example 11 had an ID₅₀ of 78 mg/kg p.o.

CLAIMS

1. Use of a compound of formula (I) or a salt thereof:



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wherein:

- P represents a quinoline or isoquinoline residue or a 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic ring containing up to three heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulphur:

- R^1 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, halogen, NR^5R^6 or OR^7 where R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are independently hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;
 R^2 and R^3 are independently hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;
 R^4 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, CF_3 , nitro, cyano, acyl, halogen, NR^5R^6 , OR^7 or CO_2R^7 where R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are independently hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl as defined for R^1 ; and n is 1, 2 or 3,
 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of CNS disorders.

2. Use according to claim 1 in which P is pyridyl or quinolyl.
3. Use according to claim 1 or 2 in which R^1 is hydrogen or methyl.
4. Use according to any one of claims 1 to 3 in which R^2 and R^3 are hydrogen.
5. Use according to any one of claims 1 to 4 in which P is pyridyl or quinolyl.
6. Use according to claim 1 in which the compound of formula (I) is selected from:
 N-(Phenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinoliny)l urea,
 N-(6-Quinoliny)l-N'-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl) urea,
 N-(3-Dimethylaminophenyl)-N'-(6-quinoliny)l urea,
 N-(Phenyl)-N'-(6-quinoliny)l urea,
 N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinoliny)l urea,
 N-(3-Dimethylaminophenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinoliny)l urea,
 N-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinoliny)l urea,

- N-(3-Ethoxycarbonylphenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl) urea,
 N-(2-Methyl-4-quinolinyl)-N'-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl) urea ,
 N-(Phenyl)-N'-(3-quinolinyl) urea,
 N-(3-Chloro-4-methylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl) urea,
 5 N-(3-Chloro-4-methylphenyl)-N'-(4-pyridyl) urea,
 N-(3-Pyridyl)-N'-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)urea,
 N-(3-Methylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(4-Chlorophenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(3-Chlorophenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 10 N-(3-Hydroxyphenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl)urea,
 N-(3-Bromophenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(3-Fluoro-4-methylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(4-Ethoxycarbonylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 15 N-(3-Chloro-4-methoxycarbonylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(3-Bromo-4-methylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(3-Chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(4-Nitro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(4-Chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 20 N-(3-Chloro-4-carboxyphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(2-Methoxy-4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(3-Chloro-4-ethylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(3-Chloro-4-propylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(3-Chloro-4-tert-butylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 25 N-(3-Hydroxy-4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea
 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

7. A compound of formula (I) which is:
 N-(Phenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl) urea,
 30 N-(6-Quinolinyl)-N'-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl) urea,
 N-(3-Dimethylaminophenyl)-N'-(6-quinolinyl) urea,
 N-(Phenyl)-N'-(6-quinolinyl) urea,
 N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl) urea,
 N-(3-Dimethylaminophenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl) urea,
 35 N-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl) urea,
 N-(3-Ethoxycarbonylphenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinolinyl) urea,
 N-(2-Methyl-4-quinolinyl)-N'-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl) urea ,
 N-(Phenyl)-N'-(3-quinolinyl) urea,

- N-(3-Chloro-4-methylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl) urea,
 N-(3-Chloro-4-methylphenyl)-N'-(4-pyridyl) urea,
 N-(3-Pyridyl)-N'-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)urea,
 N-(3-Methylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 5 N-(4-Chlorophenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(3-Chlorophenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(3-Hydroxyphenyl)-N'-(2-methyl-4-quinoliny)urea,
 N-(3-Bromophenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 10 N-(3-Fluoro-4-methylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(4-Ethoxycarbonylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(3-Chloro-4-methoxycarbonylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(3-Bromo-4-methylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(3-Chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 15 N-(4-Nitro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(4-Chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(3-Chloro-4-carboxyphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(2-Methoxy-4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(3-Chloro-4-ethylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 20 N-(3-Chloro-4-propylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(3-Chloro-4-tert-butylphenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea,
 N-(3-Hydroxy-4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea
 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 25 8. A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof which comprises:

the coupling of a compound of formula (II);



with a compound of formula (III);



wherein P is as defined in relation to formula (I), A and B contain the appropriate

functional group(s) necessary to form the moiety, $-NR^{2'}CONR^{3'}$ when coupled, the variables $R^{1'}$, $R^{2'}$, $R^{3'}$, and $R^{4'}$ are R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 respectively, as defined in formula (I), or groups convertible thereto, and thereafter optionally and as necessary and in any appropriate order, converting any $R^{1'}$, $R^{2'}$, $R^{3'}$ and $R^{4'}$, when other than R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 respectively to R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 , interconverting R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 and forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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